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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed responsive to the Office action (Final Rejection) mailed on October 28, 2003, the response to which is being mailed within the shortened statutory period for response on Monday, December 29, 2003. It is requested that the amendment be entered to place the claims in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal. No fee, petition, or certification is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows.